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1. [redacted] the recent Albanian Government reorganization is attributed to the over-all Soviet plan as set forth in the new political directives for change of administrative structure of the Satellites. This change is particularly noticeable with regard to the separation of the Police Organization from the Government and the Party.

2. The resignation of the Chief of State (President of the Presidium) was probably at the request of Hoxha, who considered Nishani too intellectual and not sufficiently inclined toward the orthodox Communist line. His successor, Haxhi Lleshi, the new Chief of State, is a fanatical Communist who had a long record of partisan experience during the war.

3. Hoxha's own position has been strengthened by the changes since his rival, Mehmet Shehu, even though he is still second in power in the regime, has lost the direct power which he exercised within the Party. Meanwhile, Hoxha has been able to surround himself with collaborators devoted to him personally and to Communism.

4. The decision announced on 4 August 1953, by both Moscow and Tirana to elevate their respective diplomatic representations to the status of Embassies was timed to follow closely the tripartite note in Athens. In addition, it was also timed to coincide with the Soviet reorganization of the Albanian Government and with Hoxha's speech praising the close Soviet-Albanian friendship. In Tirana the former Russian Minister, Levichkin, was appointed Ambassador. It is believed that this decision constituted a definite confirmation of the perfect understanding between Albania and Moscow, and it is an open manifestation of Moscow's deep interest in Albania at the present time.

5. From the above information the following conclusions may be drawn:

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- a. Russia has displayed keen interest in maintaining in Albania a solid Communist Government perfectly in harmony with the directives of the Kremlin.
- b. Albanian Communist discipline and in particular in the higher cadres has been excellent. It is probable that Shehu was kept on in the Government to maintain a permanent counter-exchange with Hoxha.
- c. Reorganization was studied, prepared and applied with calm and tranquillity showing that the control of the rulers of the country is solid.
- d. The orthodox channels, exclusively and fanatically tied to Moscow, are today represented in the new Tirana cabinet in a much more decisive manner than before.

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